

Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration.

Passing of the Torch

It was a day 29 years in the making, and former Acting Commissioner chose to begin his final day with the Connecticut Department of Correction where his career began - at the former Somers Prison (currently the Osborn Correctional Institution). At 6:00 AM, former Commissioner Murphy took a trip down memory lane with a surprise visit to Osborn CI's cafeteria. "My first day on the job I stood in the chow hall so I wanted my last day to be here, in the chow hall," Murphy said.



After reminiscing with the staff of Osborn CI, Commissioner Murphy returned to Central Office to attend a lunch-time barbecue in his honor. In front of family, friends and coworkers, Commissioner Murphy was presented with a plaque designed by Union Steward Ray Soucy.

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From the Commissioner



As I told the agency's top managers recently at my first meeting with them, I am truly excited to have been given the opportunity to come back home, to lead the agency that I spent 21 years with, beginning in 1974. And after two extremely busy weeks touring our facilities with Commissioner Murphy, I can tell you that this is not the department that I left in 1995. What I found is one of the best correctional agencies in the country, one that is truly world

class. The systems that have been put in place are phenomenal. In response to the question of where are we going, I can tell you this. We are going to build on the accomplishments of all of those who came before us. The foundations of sound facility management, forward thinking programs and fidelity to public safety will serve us well. That said, I want to add a couple of cautionary notes here that I included with the managers. First, our facilities are the base and strength of our organization. We must insure that they remain that way during this period of transition. I have made clear that our investment in security and emergency services will continue. I also want to remind all staff that we must insure that we are not an issue in this political season.

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Commissioner Arnone (R) presents Brian Murphy with a plaque of appreciation.

The plaque featured the badges for each position held by Commissioner Murphy throughout his career.

Representatives from the Connecticut Special Olympics were also on hand to acknowledge Commissioner Murphy's longtime commitment to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics. On behalf of Special Olympics, Commissioner Murphy was presented with a large framed photograph of Commissioner Murphy running with the Special Olympics Torch.

Commissioner Murphy then took the podium and thanked those gathered, especially his family, for all their support over the years. He also admonished the crowd to "stay safe", and to provide incoming Commissioner Leo Arnone with the same level of support and

cooperation that he received.

Shortly afterwards, Brian

K. Murphy officially handed over his duties as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Correction to Commissioner Arnone. The day concluded with staff members from throughout the agency lining the parking lot of Central Office to "walk out" Commissioner Murphy. Escorted by the department's Honor Guard, reaching the end of the long gauntlet of well wishers, Murphy saluted Commissioner Arnone. Then turning to the crowd, he said, "thank you all, I will never forget this day." With that, he and his family got into a waiting

vehicle and drove away from Central Office for one last time.



Life Saver



Correction Officer
Patrick Birchall

What started out as a day of sun and fun at the beach quickly turned into an opportunity to be a life or death situation for Correctional Officer Patrick Birchall of the Gates Correctional Institution.

While swimming in the ocean with his son at Misquamicut Beach in Rhode Island on August 14, he noticed the life guard blowing her whistle and pointing in their general direction. Officer Birchall turned to see a middle-aged man caught in an undertow, being taken out to sea. According to Birchall, the man was struggling and beginning to panic. Without hesitating officer Birchall swam out to rescue the man. Placing the man's left arm over his own shoulder; officer Birchall swam the man back to shore. As they reached

the beach, the man hugged Birchall while thanking him. The man then proceeded to gather his things and leave the beach, only to return an hour later. He approached officer Birchall, shook his hand and said, "I was blessed by you today. A lot of other people saw me and did nothing. Thank you again!"

Aside from the satisfaction of knowing that he, without any regard for his personal safety, helped save someone's life, officer Birchall had the added benefit of being a hero in the eyes of his son and daughter. "They were very proud of their dad that day," said officer Birchall. "I told both of them on the ride home that if someone needs help and you can help them without any danger to yourself, you better help because it is the right thing to do."

A Letter of Gratitude

North District Administrator Michael Lajoie recently received a letter from the wife of Lieutenant Michael Fisher expressing her sincere gratitude to the staff of the Connecticut Department of Correction for their support.

An 18-year plus veteran of the department, Lieutenant Michael Fisher, who had been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, passed away on February 9th of this year.

The plight of Lieutenant Fisher once again demonstrated the remarkable generosity of our staff. An agencywide "pay to park" fundraiser held on January 15th of this year raised more than \$15,000 for the Fisher family-which includes Lt. Fisher's wife Lisa, and 13-year-old twin daughters.



Lt. Michael Fisher

The letter as it was received, appears below.

To Mike's DOC Brothers and Sisters:

I am writing to you in gratitude. For all that you do; for all that you have done and for all that you are.

I would thank you from the bottom of my heart, but for all of you, my heart has no bottom. You have all shown how much you loved and respected Mike through your tireless efforts to make our lives a little easier. From the moment we all found out he was sick until now you have made Kelsey, Morgan and I know that we are not alone. The compassion that the DOC has shown through endeavors such as his early retirement and paying for the largest wake D'esopos Funeral Home has seen since 1991, will live in our hearts forever. Your devotion to Kelsey and Morgan's future is endearing. They know they are loved by the many aunts and uncles of the DOC. Mike has touched our lives in so many ways, through his character, his sense of humor and through his love. Please know that Mike is still with all of us.

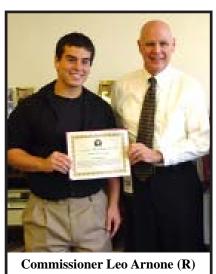
- -Next time a deer crosses your path, know it is Mike making sure you are paying attention to all that is valuable in your world.
- -Next time you see kids playing hockey on a frozen pond or kicking a soccer ball around on a sunny day, know it is Mike reminding you to stop and have some fun.
- -Next time you see a rainbow miraculously appear on a cloudy day, know it is Mike saying you are loved.

On behalf of Morgan, Kelsey, and myself I give to you our unending appreciation. In honor of my husband, Lt. Michael Orin Fisher I say to you...Thank you.

Thank you Mike - hope to talk/see you soon, Lisa

Two Time Winner

Frank Decusati Jr., son of Correctional District Food Service Manager Frank Decusati Sr., is the recipient of the 2010 Susan M. Hunter Scholarship Award on behalf of the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA). This is the second year in a row that Decusati Jr., a sophomore at Emmanuel College, has been awarded the scholarship. The award is named for Susan M. Hunter, former chief of the Prisons Division of the National Institute of Corrections, who passed away in 2003.



with Frank Decusati Jr.

Frank Decusati Jr., who is majoring in Psychology, was presented with the award certificate by Commissioner Leo Arnone at Central Office on August 13. The proud father beamed with pride as the commissioner read a letter of congratulations from the scholarship committee. Along with the letter, Decusati Jr. received a certificate, and a check for \$500 to help offset the cost of his college education.

Arnone Appoints Dzurenda

Commissioner Leo Arnone is pleased to announce the appointment of James Dzurenda as Deputy Commissioner of Operations. Before his appointment, Dzurenda had been the department's South District Administrator. Dzurenda began his career with the Department of Correction in 1987.

Please join Commissioner Arnone in congratulating Deputy Commissioner Dzurenda in his new position.



Commissioner Leo Arnone (R) congratulates newly appointed Deputy Commissioner James Dzurenda.

Around the Cell Block



Washington D.C. – On August 10, President Barack Obama signed into law a prohibition on cell phone use by inmates in federal prisons. The law also calls for up to a year in prison for anyone found guilty of trying to smuggle one to an inmate.

New York- Republican candidate for governor Carl Paladino said he would transform some New York prisons into dormitories for welfare recipients, where they would work in state-sponsored jobs, get employment training and take lessons in "personal hygiene."

North Carolina – According to a state auditor, North Carolina could save \$11.5 million a year by requiring that hospitals and other health care providers bill Medicaid when prisoners are treated as inpatients.

Carl Robinson's Annual Awards

A ceremony was held on August 12, to honor and acknowledge Carl Robinson Correctional Institution's facility awards recipients. Please join with Warden Christine Whidden in congratulating the following staff:

Employee of the Year:

CFSS II Robert Washington

Supervisor of the Year (custody):

Lt. Bruce Strange

Supervisor of the Year (treatment):

CCS Paul Quellette

Unit of the Year: Maintenance

Officer of the Year:

CO Richard Russell (1st shift)

Addiction Services Counselor of the Year:

Sandra Violette

Classification Counselor of Year:

Alan Piasick

Preservation of Life: CO William Carabine

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Lt. Dino Cicchetti (CCIE incident)

Secretary of the Year: Yoke Twarosch

Maintenance Officer of the Year:

Jared Carelli

Religious Service Provider of the Year: Janet Faccinto

Teacher of the Year: Ken Roshkowski

Medical Employee of the Year: Katy Batholomew

Awards of Appreciation: Lorry Champagne, Vicki Beaumier



Carl Robinson's Employee of the Year Food Service Supervisor Robert Washington

Total
Supervised
Population
on
August 31, 2010
23,355

On August 31, 2009 the population was 23,476



Did You Know?

"Did You Know" is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Services Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This article was written by Joseph Suchecki, Plant Facilities Engineer I; he can be reached at 860-692-7592 with any questions. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at (860) 692-7554.

New Type of House Siding

Today there are many choices for the homeowner and builders when considering siding for a house. In the past 20 years, most of the homes being built or remodeled used vinyl or cedar siding for the exterior. Between the two choices, vinyl siding had been the favored and most popular because of its maintenance free characteristics. No painting, pealing or chipping, unlike cedar siding, which requires maintenance with periodic scraping, sanding and painting every few years. The very benefit of choosing vinyl siding had become its biggest drawback to most new home buyers. In today's real estate market, buyers want options when it comes to the color of their homes. They want to be able to personalize their homes with their own choice of color. Vinyl siding eliminates this option and you are trapped with colors chosen by the previous homeowner. As the saying goes, vinyl is final.

Another selling point of vinyl siding was that it looked like traditional wood siding, was easy to install and cost less than cedar. However, in recent years the building industry introduced a new product called fiber cement siding. This product provided an alternative to both vinyl and cedar while incorporating the best of both products. Fiber cement siding is manufactured using a cement mixture and reinforcing fibers providing it with strength and flexibility, while mimicking the traditional appearance of wood without the swelling, warping of wood and will not cup, break or fade as with vinyl siding. This product is durable, fire resistant, rot and termite proof. You have the flexibility of choosing from hundreds of colors, have it prepped, primed and painted at the factory, for an easy and quicker onsite installation. The consumer no longer has to hire an installer and then a painter. Most manufacturers provide a 30-year nonprorated, transferable, limited warranty on fiber cement siding and 15-year warranty on the factory applied paint.

Of course, fiber-cement siding is not without its negative points as well. Unlike the installation of vinyl siding, it is very difficult to install fiber cement siding, and it is recommended that professional contractors install the siding. The fiber cement siding is very heavy and the fragile thin versions are prone to chipping and breaking. It demands careful and gentle handling. Even after cutting, two persons may be required for the installation - one for holding the siding and the other for affixing it.

One of the biggest complaints of those who install fiber cement siding is how hard it is to cut during installation. The cleanest way to cut fiber cement siding is by using siding shears. Typically, siding shears use air pressure to power them and they shear or cut the siding like a pair of



scissors. A great deal of sawdust is produced when using a circular saw to cut the fiber cement siding. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you wear a dust mask, and that you use a saw with a dust collection system. As far as thermal insulation and soundproofing is concerned, fiber cement exterior siding is not very effective, though thicker versions may be useful to some extent. You can also use some other materials along with the siding to serve this purpose.

While prices vary from region to region, it is typically more expensive than vinyl or cedar siding, but less expensive than stucco. As this product gains in popularity, with current market share approaching ten percent, manufacturers and dealers expect construction and installation costs will be on par with cedar siding.

A Masterful Job

Counselor Melissa Otero, one of six program coordinators in charge of implementing the Degree in Social Work from Springfield College during a ceremony held on May 15, 2010.

A full-time employee for the Department, Ms. Otero completed the three-year program and required clinical placement. Additionally, Counselor Otero was amongst three accepted to be an International Ambassador of Social Work and has recently returned from educational excursion in Greece.

While in Greece, Otero examined the country's social, medical, health, educational, political and economic systems



Accompanied by numerous students from various countries, she represented the United States among the elite in the social work profession.

Maloney Book Drive

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Building On Our Accomplishments

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Department's Reentry Program, earned her Master's While we as a state are going to continue to face some tough economic times, there are things that we can do to move the agency forward in some unique ways. I believe that we can save money by moving the agency toward enhanced technology. I told the managers that at my last position at the Department of Children and Families, my desk was usually free of paper, because much of our business was conducted electronically. I want to move the department to a more computerized business process with everyday case management, disciplinary reports, etc. maintained electronically. I want us to utilize electronic calendars that can speed the scheduling of meetings and instead of more file cabinets; I want us to think about storing the information on CD's.

> In terms of the programs and services that the agency provides to offenders, I want to ensure that we are spending our money on evidence-based programming that will give us a scientific measurement of our success over time. That means we will only invest in programs whose efficacy can be proven.

in a conference in Crete's School of Social Work. I want to enhance our community reentry programs by building other allies in the community, including adding the offender's family members into the equation as a further means of supporting successful reentry. I want us to also explore new parole mechanisms that are spiritually based, as well as gender and adolescent specific.

The Library at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff I concluded with the managers by telling them that I Development is in need of updated books; therefore, will not make changes for the sake of change. I will they have launched a "donate a book" campaign. Staff make changes that I think best serve the agency. Events members may donate a new or used book pertaining to of the last few years have shuffled people around and Criminal Justice; Business Management; Leadership pressed some into roles that they never thought they and other related topics. If you are interested in being would reach in such a short time. I told the managers part of this venture, please contact or send your book to: and I will tell you here, that I will invest in you, and treat you as a competent professional and a valued member of the team. I only ask that you treat your staff and your colleagues in the same manner.

> I couldn't be happier to be here, and I look forward to working with you toward the continued success of the Connecticut Department of Correction.

Training the Trainers

The Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development preparation for Inservice Training has been conducting Behavior Management and CPR Instructor Training for Trainer classes. Staff from various facilities including Parole and Community Services participated intensive 1-day and



5-day programs. The behavior management training of 127 instructors culminated in a dynamic stress inoculation scenario that tested both the physical as well as psychological survival skills. A total of 170 CPR student instructors honed various and diverse lifesaving skills. Congratulations to these motivated men and women for a job well done, and good luck as we rollout the In-service Training programs to the department's personnel.

Hartford Helps Out

Staff of the Hartford Correctional Center contributed to coworkers in need recently, by holding two "pay-to-park" fund raising events.

During just one event, they raised \$941 for Lieutenant John Coleman who, is suffering from a serious illness. What makes the amount donated even more impressive, is the fact that Lieutenant Coleman no longer works at the Hartford Correctional Center. He was an officer at Hartford for many years and currently is assigned to the Bridgeport Correctional Center. He was well liked by all and respected by his peers. Lieutenant Coleman had the following to say regarding the staff of the Hartford Correctional Center: "I would like to sincerely thank all of my Hartford CC family for all of their kind thoughts, well wishes and contributions to me and my family during my illness. I cannot begin to explain how touched I was by all of your generosity. It was heartfelt to know that so many people still have me in their thoughts. I may be gone, but Hartford CC will always be home for me. It is refreshing to know that in this time and economy that we live in, that kind people like yourselves can think of another co-worker and support them in their time of need. Again I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you."

Hartford CC also raised \$561 for Maintenance Supervisor Ed Marinaccio of HCC who recently experienced an unexpected tragedy at his residence when a faulty boiler exploded in his home. No one was hurt; however, the house sustained major structural damage.

The generosity displyed by the staff of the Hartford Correctional Center underscores the point that they are not just employees in a correctional facility, but rather a part of a caring and forever bonding family.

Years of Service

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of July 2010

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Facility	Hire Date
ı	Alvarez, Alexie	CorrectionOfficer	Bridgeport CC	7/13/90
ı	Arcouette, John	Lieutenant	CRCI	7/13/90
ı	Batista, Frank	CorrectionOfficer	Cheshire CI	7/13/90
ı	Bianca, Robert	Commissary Oper.	Central Off.	7/13/90
ı	Boucher, Eric	CorrectionOfficer	Will./Cybul. CI	7/13/90
ı	Butler, Maurice	Captain	MWCI	7/13/90
ı	Crowley, Gerald	CorrectionOfficer	CRCI	7/13/90
ı	Deane, Brian	CorrectionOfficer	MWCI	7/13/90
ı	Hayes, Anthony	CorrectionOfficer	Corr./Rad. CC	6/15/90
ı	Hebert, Randy	CorrectionOfficer	Bergin CI	7/13/90
ı	Hoffman, Sandra	CorrectionOfficer	CRCI	7/13/90
ı	James Curran	CorrectionOfficer	Northern CI	7/13/90
ı	Johnson, Brandon	CorrectionOfficer	Corr./Rad. CC	6/1/90
ı	Kinnebrew, Deborah	ParoleOfficer II	Central Off.	7/27/90
ı	Lawson, Jeffery	CorrectionOfficer	CRCI	7/13/90
ı	Lynch, Thomas	CorrectionOfficer	Garner CI	6/1/90
ı	Majdan, Stanley	Electrician	Will./Cybul.	7/19/90
ı	Morin, John	CorrectionOfficer	Bergin CI	7/13/90
ı	Philip Adams	CorrectionOfficer	MYI	7/13/90
ı	Pogg, Eric	CorrectionOfficer	CRCI	7/13/90
ı	Ruops, Vincent	Vocl. Instr.	CRCI	7/9/90
ı	Strickland, Billy	CorrectionOfficer	MWCI	7/13/90
ı	Terry, Ida	Counslr. Supv.	Central Off.	6/1/90
ı	Thomas, Jeffery	CorrectionOfficer	MWCI	7/13/90
ı	Waller, Arthur	CorrectionOfficer	NHCC	7/13/90
ı	Waller, Michael	CorrectionOfficer	MYI	6/1/90
	Waters, Darryl	CorrectionOfficer	NHCC	7/13/90
	Whidden, Christine	Warden II	CRCI	7/6/90
	William, Keeney	CorrectionOfficer	Northern CI	7/13/90
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Employees with 25 Years of Service as of July 2010

Rubino, Gregory CorrectionOfficer NHCC 7/5/85

Code Orange

Garner Staff Plan Fundraiser

There will be a fund raiser for Correctional Officer Charles Pataky of the Garner Correctional Institution. Food, raffle and prizes all for a great cause to support Officer Pataky and his family while they battle his very rare and aggressive form of Leukemia (Acute T-PLL).

September 4, 2010 St. Sebastian Club in Ansonia 5:00 pm.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Information can be obtained through the Warden's Office or by calling (203) 721-4971.

Cheshire Helps Cannon

Correction Officer Mark Cannon from Cheshire Correctional Institution recently suffered a near fatal motorcycle accident. Officer Cannon is currently at Yale New Haven Hospital. Cheshire CI staff is conducting a Benefit Fundraiser in support of Correction Officer Cannon and his family during this difficult time and extensive recovery.

When: Friday Sept. 24, 2010

Where: Cheshire CI

900 Highland Ave.

Cheshire CT

Time: 10:00AM to 6:00PM

All proceeds go directly to the Cannon Family.



Retirement Party

Please join us in celebrating Commissioner Brian K. Murphy's retirement after 29 years of dedicated and loyal service to the

Connecticut Department of Correction.

When: Friday, September 24, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m. Meet & Greet Cocktail Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Where: The Riverhouse, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam, Connecticut

\$65.00 per person (includes gift)
Choice of Filet Mignon, Pan Seared Salmon or Chicken Marsala
Tickets Are Limited - Please Reserve Your Tickets
No Later Than September 10th, 2010

You May Contact Any of the Following Individuals to Purchase Tickets:

Any Facility Warden's Secretary Laurie Viscomi, Central Office, 860-692-7487 Marilda Quiros, Central Office, 860-692-7491

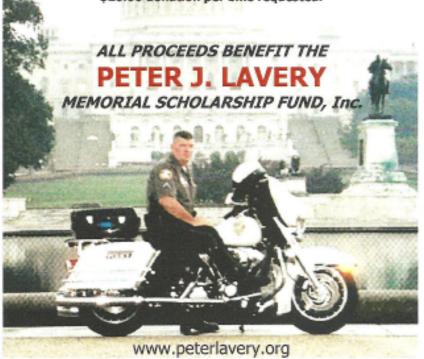
6th Annual Memorial Run MPO Peter J. Lavery

September 19, 2010

Police Escorted Motorcycle Ride

All law enforcement supporters on all makes of bikes are welcome.

\$20.00 donation per bike requested.









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Registration from 8:00 AM – 9:45 AM; ride departs at 10:00 AM from Maguires Sports Bar, 3573 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut.

Ride concludes at Maguires with lunch provided by Maguires and Stew Leonard's and music by Shark Entertainment.

RAIN or SHINE

Ride ends at approximately 11:15 AM.

RAIN or SHINE

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Play will be from White Tees. Each team will play a SCRAMBLE FORMAT for the entire tournament. Each foursome will keep one score card. Score cards must be turned in to the official scorer within 15 minutes of completing your round.

PRIZES

- First Place Team
- Second Place Team
- Third Place Team
- Longest Drive (M & F)
- Closest to the Pin (M & F)

AWARDS DINNER

After your day on the golf course, please plan to join us for the awarding of prizes and an enjoyable dinner with the Commissioner. Those wishing to attend the awards dinner (reception) only, please send \$40.00 per person to the address shown on the registration form.

CONTACT

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Tom O'Connor	Don Cyr	Dianna Gonzalez	Sarah Fernicola

Connecticut Department of Correction
Commissioner's Cup
Charity Golf Tournament
October 8, 2010
9:00 a.m.
The University Club of CT
North Windham, CT.

The cost of the tournament is \$120.00, which includes:
Greens Fees & Cart, Lunch, Dinner
Participant Souvenir

Choose one of the following:

Foursome: \$480 Individual: \$120 Space is limited to 144 golfers and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Registration	Shotgun Start	Reception	Dinner & Awards
9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.

DIRECTIONS

From I-84E, I-84 E to I-384 E (8.5 mi), becomes US-6E (16.8 mi), turn left on Club Rd, end at 184 Club Rd.

From I-95N, I-95N to I-395N (13.8 mi), take exit 81W CT-32N (1.6 mi), take exit 25 CT-32N (9.2 mi), turn right and continue on CT-203(3.9 mi), turn right on Club Rd, end at 184 Club Rd.

REGISTRATION FORM

		Zip:	55 555 55.1455
Wall Ke.	Address:	City/State:	Telephone:

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Please list the golfers that you wish to play with if you plan to enter as a foursome. The Tournament Committee will also provide placement for any golfer that does not have a set foursome. The Tournament Committee would like to request that one member of the foursome take on the responsibility to get all the registration fees and turn them in at the same time with the registration form. This will help to ensure that the full foursome will have a spot in the tournament.

NAME OF PLAYERS IN YOUR FOURSOME

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Please make checks payable to: Commissioner's Cup Charity Golf Tournament

Return to:

Department of Correction Attn: Sarah Fasano-Fernicola (Golf Tourney) 24 Wolcott Hill Road Wethersfield, CT 06019

Return no later than October 1, 2010